

## WOMAN'S DAY RECOMMENDED.

### By Proclamation of the Governor—Sunday May 9th, Selected.

The attention of the State of Florida is invited to the beautiful custom, inaugurated in many of the other States, of paying special tribute on at least one day in the year to the best friend of each and every one of us—our Mothers.

THEREFORE, I, Albert W. Gilchrist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby designate and proclaim **SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1909**, as.

#### MOTHER'S DAY.

And recommend that it be observed as such in all homes and churches by the people of this State. Mother's Day should really be every day in the year.

On this particular day it is recommended that the custom observed in other States be followed by each person wearing a white carnation,—“its whiteness standing for purity, its form for beauty, its fragrance for love, its wide field for charity, and its lasting quality for faithfulness—all being a true mother's virtues.”

In those portions of the State in which there are no carnations now in bloom, it is recommended that the white rose be used instead—the rose being universally recognized as the queen of all flowers. It also possesses the characteristics of the carnation.

It is recommended that the various churches arrange a suitable program of Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 1909, and that each person pay some suitable special attention to his mother, if she is living, and to her memory, if she be dead.

Done at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of May, A. D. 1909.

[Great Seal of State] **ALBERT W. GILCHRIST,**  
Governor of the State of Florida.

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**H. CLAY CRAWFORD,**  
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## RANDOM SHOTS.

[CHAS. LEIDY.]

The effort to defer the final round in the prohibition fight will prove futile. The fight is on right now, and no amount of advice to “stop agitation” will have the effect of stopping it. Those who are in the fight may as well allow themselves to be convinced of this at once. No question is ever settled until it is settled right. There may be a vast difference in the estimates of what is right, but right in the end will prevail.

Sec. 3 of the proposed prohibition amendment provides that “this article shall go into effect on the first day of July, A. D. 1911.”

A most excellent recommendation of Superintendent Holloway is this: “Upon the completion of such a course (two years professional course in one of our state normal schools) the young man or young woman should be awarded a diploma entitling him or her to teach in the public schools of the state for three years without having to undergo county examinations.”

If it be true, as the corporation blatters complain, that this is a Broward Legislature, some one should re-introduce Broward's State Insurance bill, “which passed the House of 1905, but was filibustered out of the Senate.”

On page 116 of Superintendent Holloway's biennial report for 1907-8, is found this suggestion of Superintendent McDaniel of Santa Rosa county:

“It would be much better, in my humble opinion, to cut out or eliminate some subjects to be taught and shorten the course or extent of others and substitute therefor domestic science, the elements of agriculture and kindred subjects and have our youth in public schools acquire knowledge that will enable them to meet in a practical way the daily problems with which they may be confronted,

“Many rural schools enjoying a term of eight months could have one or more acres on which diversified crops might be grown, experiments made, arboriculture studied, and much practical information gained. A great majority of rural youth only ask for opportunity, and the State, their parent, should give them opportunity.

“Give us better common schools, a county high school and one University open to both sexes; co-education properly conducted will produce emulation and curtail expenditures for State Institutions, and save money for our rural schools, which are the feeders of High Schools and Universities.”

There is a selfish “sentiment” against that governmental paternalism that seeks to protect the child; against interference by the State in behalf of toiling childhood; against legislative restrictions that “injure” a man's business. This governmental policy of child protection is called “socialism,” and that word frightens one-half of us into hysterics. But call it by whatever name you will, this paternalism or this socialism must be exercised to the extent of protecting our infants from a life of ignorance so long as it is in our power to make of them useful and intelligent citizens.

Said Mr. McKelway, in an address before the child labor committee meeting at New Orleans: “The child is the Lingerer of the Golden Age that is to be. We must not crush his spirit with manhood's toil. The measure of the triumphs of the race that is to be, is what we accomplish for the child that is—for his development physically, mentally, spiritually.”

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## FARRIS-HUDSON CHILD-LABOR BILL.

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theless they are CHILDREN, and white children at that. John Huss, the great reformer, was a Bohemian.

Mr. Ruge first claims that no children between twelve and fourteen would be imported from Baltimore if this bill becomes a law.

Well, let them stay in Baltimore and get some education so that they will not grow up to become tramps and criminals and anarchists.

He then shifts his ground and says that they would not go to school in Florida. But at least they would have the opportunity, and Mr. Ruge would deny them all opportunity. They leave Baltimore when the schools have just opened and return just before they are closed.

I confess that I have some sympathy for those little Bohemian children, even if they are foreigners. I have seen the little tots, thirty-five about ten years old, out of 150 workers, in an oyster canning establishment.

The cotton mill men of Georgia and Mississippi say that their condition is worse than that of the children of the cotton mills. They would have the right to complain and the cigar factories would have a right to complain if those children were exempted and the children of others not exempted. That is a mighty good piece of Democratic doctrine that says: “Equal rights for all, special privileges for none.”

Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana, among Southern States, have reached the fourteen-year age limit, and all the states of the North and West. Practically the only states with a twelve-year age limit are the cotton states, and Florida may well consider that it is legislating in the interests not only of its own children, but of the thousands upon thousands of the little white children of these states, of the best stock in the world, who are being ruined by the long hours of the cotton mills. The appeal to Florida is not only in behalf of her own children, but also in the interests of the cotton mill children of her sister states of the South. A child is a child whether living in Florida or Georgia.

Mr. Ruge says finally: “We are in sympathy with the idea of protecting the child.” We are glad to note this much progress. Two years ago he was opposed to all child labor legislation. We hope that if this good bill becomes a law, Mr. Ruge will again take an advanced position. But it does not seem, in view of his past record, that he deserves any special privileges from the hands of those who believe in the cause of child labor reform.

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